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IT implements Copy Sense

New program tracks illegal downloading

By Ryan Rudd News Editor

Prairie View A&M University is in the process of beginning its technology base deterrent titled, "Copy Sense," which allows the university to track peer to peer downloading through a computer system's IP address.

The Copy Sense program is part of the 668.14 agreement, a regulation set aside by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) which mandates every university that participates in the program to assemble a mechanism to inform students about the inappropriate usage of copyrighted material, or peer-to-peer downloading.

Sally J. Stevenson, director of academic technology, said, "The guidelines for peer-to-peer downloading are very simple. If you're not paying for it, you probably don't deserve to have it because nothing in life is free. If you question whether or not it is legal, don't do it."



Stevenson

Stevenson believes that in order for students to follow these guidelines, they must first be aware of what peer-to-peer downloading is.

Peer-to-peer downloading is defined as an approach to content distribution in which digital files are transferred between users' computers over the Internet.

In a client-server structure, servers can store content and, if requested, can send the content to client machines, thus forming a one-to-many distribution model.

Peer-to-peer networks require installation of applications on computers with Internet access, which become nodes that communicate with each other, allowing interconnected networks to transfer files back and forth.

Over the course of time, peer-to-peer has developed into an efficient means to distribute a wide range of content including software, games, books, movies, and music.

For violations of scrambling, decrypting without the authority of the copyright owner, fines are not less than \$200 or more than \$2,500 per act.

For violations of importing or trafficking in any technology, product, service, etc., fines are not less than \$2,500 or more than \$25,000.

For repeated violations within three years after a final judgment was given, the court may increase the award of damages up to triple the amount that would otherwise be awarded.

which includes but is not limited to being re-directed and blocked from the Clean Access network.

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PVAMU welcomes SACS University prepares for accreditation reaffirmation

By Jessica Ferguson Panther Staff

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, SACSCOC, will send a team of ten evaluators to campus March 22-24 to verify information already provided to the accrediting agency.

Members of the team will interview faculty, staff and students in their quest for verification that Prairie View A&M, which has been fully accredited since 1959, is a quality institution of higher learning.

Dr. Michael McFrazier, associate provost for academic affairs, is the chairman of the SACSCOC process.

Accreditation affects transferability of credits and availability of federal financial aid and student hourly wages among other things.

Dr. E. Joanne Thomas-Smith, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs and the university's SACS liaison, said, "A university volunteers to be a member of SACSCOC or one of the other six regional accrediting agencies. Given the fact that a university that is not accredited cannot participate in the federal financial aid program, expect its graduates to gain acceptance to graduate and professional schools, or expect its graduates to gain employment, gaining and keeping accreditation is of critical importance."

Within the last two decades, at least seven HBCUs have lost their accreditation as stated on the Web site of Kennesaw State University. Paul Quinn, Knoxville and Morris Brown colleges are among the seven. Prairie View A&M University is striving to maintain its status and not be included on the list of those who have lost it.

During PVAMU's self-evaluation, every facet of the university including faculty credentials, educational programs, student support services and fiscal stability, is analyzed and reviewed to see how the university has addressed the criteria. With every visit made by SACS every 10 years, new ideas arise

to improve the quality of education received at this institution.

Some of the improvements that have been implemented in the past include the creation of University College, summer bridge programs, such as ACCESS and Summer Transportation Institute, doctoral programs, expansion of technology use in classrooms, construction and renovation of facilities, increase in undergraduate research opportunities, increased faculty and staff professional development, broader extra-curricular activities for students, a more funded scholarship program, strengthened student financial aid procedures, completion of a \$32 million capital campaign and improved athletics programs.

About five years ago, a new federal regulation was enacted by the U.S. Department of Education as a part of the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act requiring universities and colleges to identify evidence of continuous quality improvement in student learning.

Recognized weaknesses are then addressed through the implementation of programs proposed by the institution called a QEP or quality enhancement plan. SACSCOC defines QEP as a "carefully defined and focused course of action that addresses a well-defined topic or issue related to enhancing student learning."

Following a review of student responses to the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), the Beginning Student Survey of Student Engagement, the Measure of Academic Progress and Proficiency (MAPP), and other assessment measures alumni, faculty, students and staff identified reading as a major problem in academic development.

Thomas-Smith wants students to understand the value of the iREAD or increasing reading and engagement for academic development program and their role in this quality enhancement program.

"The iREAD QEP is designed to help students become more mature in their academic development so that their chances of succeeding in college and persisting through to graduation in four perhaps, but certainly six years is improved," said Thomas-Smith.

Starting in 2011, freshmen will join a learning community upon entering the university. That community will be based in the UC and in the Principles of Effective Learning courses.

Fully trained, highly motivated faculty and staff called academic coaches will join students in reading a wide variety of print and electronic materials centered around a common theme. They will experiment with technology including clicker, Facebook, twitter, and other methods of discussing the reading, challenging peers and academic coaches.

Through reading, the expected outcomes include increasing academic skills, academic habits, and academically related self-concept. Broadening and deepening students' academic development is expected to increase success. A desirable byproduct will be higher retention and graduation rates.

To chart the success of iREAD, first-year students and freshmen will be evaluated and monitored to see whether there has been "maturation in skills, habits, and academic self-concept as a result of the iREAD program," as stated in the QEP plan.

Through the QEP, there has been greater focus on increasing the amount of reading and reading material used at this institution and students are taking notice. Junior communications major Ryan Versey said, "The program has gotten students' attention and is influencing us to read on our own free will, thereby sharpening the

saw to prepare us for a cutting-edge society."

Mayor Frank Jackson held a panel discussion on his radio show, "On the Hill," regarding the new QEP on Feb. 22. Miss PVAMU Chelsey Hill, a guest on the show, spoke of the importance of reading and how she still utilizes this tool in her life today. Through reading, she has been able to develop well thought arguments backing her beliefs and is able to stay engaged in her classes.

The iREAD program is planned to increase the quality of education at this institution. Components of the program will be implemented in pilot mode during the fall 2010 semester. Upon its acceptance by SACS, which McFrazier hopes will come by December, it can be fully employed at the university.

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increasing Reading and Engagement for Academic Development

Lady Panthers finish second in SWAC



All photos courtesy of Glen White

So close to victory: Members of the Lady Panther bowling team pose with Coach Glen White during the SWAC tournament held in Bossier City, La.

By Jeremy O. Malone Sports Editor

Prairie View A&M University's bowling team was feared this past weekend, but fell short in the final round of the SWAC Bowling Championship in Bossier City, La. The Lady Panthers were defeated by the Alabama A&M Bulldogs in four, 4-game Baker-style matches, losing 720-632.

Despite the Lady Panthers' success thus far in the tournament, the ball stopped rolling when the Panthers made it to the final round of the SWAC Bowling Championship, losing four straight matches.

Alabama won the opening game 180-140 and the second match 193-164, after the Bulldogs knocked down six strikes. The Lady

Panthers would fight back with five strikes of their own in the next match, but would still fall short, losing 176-160. The journey for the Lady Panthers ended with a 171-168 loss in the finale.

Coach Glen White said, "I knew coming into the match it was going to be tough to defeat A&M, a team that has been tough to the championship match for the last two years and falling short each time. They were used to the bright lights and cameras and this was a first for us. We needed some positive things to happen to build our confidence and we just couldn't get on a roll. My hat's off to Alabama A&M for they are very deserving of the championship but no team in SWAC has a bigger heart and competitive attitude than the Lady Panthers. We'll be back next year."

Junior and team captain Kristina

Sadler said, "This season was some journey. In the beginning we had some hurdles and at the end all the hurdles and struggles that we faced paid off. We accomplished something great and next season we will accomplish even greater things."

Senior management major Phebe Jackson said, "I think I was able to leave my legacy at Prairie View A&M because I finished the year off making it to the championship and a Prairie View bowling team has never made it there."

The Lady Panthers' championship game will air Friday on EspnU at 6:30 p.m.

Cynthia Veney earns SWAC honors



Freshman Cynthia Veney capped off an impressive rookie season for the Lady Panthers as she was named the SWAC's Freshman of the Year along with 2010 All-SWAC second-team honors. Veney recorded a 178.6 average in 28 games this season with six games of at least 200 pins, highlighted by a season-high game of 244 game in the SWAC West Round-up. Veney said, "Basically, going into SWAC, all weekend we were considered the underdogs and by getting to the final two we gained everyone's respect."



## Thurgood Marshall visits Memphis, Tenn.



Courtesy of Career and Outreach Services

**Ready for the world:** TMCF students pose out side of their workshop in Memphis.

By Ebonee Sowell  
Panther Intern

Prairie View students embarked on a journey to Nashville, Tenn, to attend the bi-annual Thurgood Marshall College Fund's Mem-

ber University Professional Institute on March 7.

This four-day-event, held once every fall and spring, took place in the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center, where students attended a variety of seminars in which they were informed on a wide range of tips that will be use-

ful once they enter the job force, post graduation and taught career building techniques.

The attendees were informed on many things including how to interview, public relations strategies, how to write a grant, as well as the importance of philanthropy once they become alumni.

The 12 students who attended this event were either selected directly through the TMCF, or given the opportunity to attend on the basis of their accomplishments at Prairie View. Career Service selected the remaining attendees who were not direct participants in the TMCF based on leadership skills as well as their current academic standings with the university.

Community development major Tiara Fulton, in the College of Architecture, said, "This is an opportunity that all students should have in their college career. This event opened my eyes, it made me feel like a leader and that each and every time I am in public I know how to present myself."

Director of Career and Outreach Services Glenda Jones said, "The students' leadership skills are enhanced and developed to become competitive in the work force."

## Students donate blood during drive



By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

**Easy does it:** Sophomore communications major Tabatha Gabriel sits as she has her blood drawn.

By Andia Richardson  
Panther Staff

In collaboration with Eileen McMillin Blood Center, the Undergraduate Medical Academy hosted a blood drive for the Methodist Hospital in the MSC ballroom, to raise awareness and stress the significance of donating blood on March 4.

BDC recruiter, Olivia Duffy, explained the need and benefits of blood donations. "The Meth-

odist Hospital uses approximately 8,000 blood components a month," she said.

"The Medical academy is an organization that helps premedical students become a better applicant for medical school," said Eugenia Anyanwu, senior biology major. Anyanwu, the student body president for the academy, spoke about her experience organizing her first blood drive for the university and how it changed her perspective about donating blood.

"Donating blood is neces-

sary," she said, "A lot of students are reluctant to donate because of their fear of needles, but they don't realize it's a minor inconvenience that makes a huge impact."

"I donate blood because it's important, and I would rather donate because everyone's red blood cells eventually expire and there are some that need it more than I do," said Christine Nguyen, biology major.

The Undergraduate Medical Academy hosts a blood drive every year at Prairie View.

## S.I.F.E., Hanks advise on financial literacy



Courtesy of Celestial Hall

**Paying dues:** Webster poses next to Hanks as he presents him with plaque for his keynote address.

By Ryan Rudd  
News Editor

Students In Free Enterprise

hosted a seminar titled, "Financial Literacy for College Students," on March 2.

Irvin Hanks, an adjunct

professor in the Department of Finance served as the keynote speaker during this event.

Throughout the seminar, Hanks discussed the importance of budgeting and managing while in college, in order to avoid being in debt afterward.

Hanks said, "Start now, spend more money on the things you need, rather than the things you want."

Hanks also encouraged students to invest in stocks and mutual funds, and to also search for growth companies when considering making an investment. Pamphlets about financial literacy were issued during the seminar.

The program was coordinated by freshman electrical engineering and computer technology major Derrick Webster.

Webster said, "The overall purpose of this event was to remove any financial ignorances and provide methods to avoid future monetary problems."

S.I.F.E. will be participating in the "Regional Expo," in Dallas, Texas on March 30.

## Staff interacts with students

By Ryan Rudd  
News Editor

As part of Women's History Month, the Women's Council for Leadership and Service held its "Chat-N-Chew," session on March 2.

The basis of the event was to provide an atmosphere in which the faculty and student body could interact on a personal level. Issues of sexual harassment and voting rights were discussed, as the women in attendance enjoyed refreshments.

Program Coordinator I for the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Shante' Moore said, "This event was important, because I feel that the students can benefit from the advice and guidance that we have to offer. We can serve as mentors to these young women, which will open up networking opportunities for them."

## Mr. and Miss PV lead conversation

By Teque'lia Lewis  
Panther Staff

The Mens and Women's Council for Leadership and Service partnered with Campus Activities Board to sponsor the Hill Harper book review titled, "The Conversation" on March 5.

Students attended to discuss the stereotypes of black women and men in relationships. An intense discussion was held in an intimate group of both sexes. Harper addresses why black relationships fail to communicate, the decline of two-parent homes, and why it's so hard for men and women to keep a mutually sustainable relationship.

Kyle Maronie, junior and history major said, "During the book review we discussed the candidness of Hill Harper's broad views on relationships."

## Students assemble their "hatitudes"

By Aurielle Granger  
Panther Staff

An estimated 200 students appeared at Evans Hall to begin their hat making process selecting various hats, flowers, feathers, ribbons, and some other original ornaments to construct their masterpiece for the "Hatitude Tea Party," on March 5.

Mary L. Broussard's, Texas A&M's director for special projects said, "I come down to Prairie View every chance I get, and it is an incredible experience to see what ya'll are doing and to share my talent and crafts. Each year it gets bigger and better."

The hat workshop is a later part of the kick off for women's history month. It is to encourage students to get out and become more involved in the events that are taking place this month.

## Miss PV speaks on keeping house

By Ryan Rudd  
News Editor

Miss Prairie View A&M University, Chelsea Hill, hosted a seminar encouraging young women to take pride in home economic practices titled, "Home Ecs and Practices," on March 3.

Dr. Eleanor Lister Rogers, a PV alumni, was the speaker for the evening. She advised students in the area of human sciences, including budgeting, food consumption, cleaning, and overall life lessons.

Hill said, "I believe the seminar was greatly appreciated. The value I wanted everyone to take from the seminar was to be more self-sufficient. There is nothing that technology cannot do these days, but if there were to come a day when technology was not able to support us we, men and women, need to be able to support ourselves with basic life skills."

## PV DPS Blotter

Prairie View A&M University  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
Police Blotter

Information obtained in this report has been reported to dispatch and officers responded to these calls.

**Week of Sunday February 28 to Saturday March 6**

Sunday, February 28

□ 7:35 a.m., Officers were dispatched to a medical call at University Village Apartments #1814. Student was transported to North Cypress Hospital.  
□ 3:10 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University Village Apartments Phase I on a report of slashed tires. Report generated.

Monday, March 1

□ 2:30 p.m., Officers met with a female student who walked into the police department to report a sexual assault. An investigation led to an arrest of one black male at 6:35 a.m.  
□ 3:19 p.m., officer was dispatched to University Village Apartments #613 in reference to a disturbance. Further investigation led to an arrest of a university student on a drug charge.  
□ 5:37 p.m., Officer responded to a fire alarm at Harrington Science Building. False alarm. Return to service.  
□ 6:09 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report damage to her vehicle. Report generated.

Tuesday, March 2

□ 6:49 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report a hit and run. Report taken.

Wednesday, March 3

□ 1:04 p.m., Officer responded to a medical call at Hump Day. Student transported to North Cypress Hospital.

Thursday, March 4

□ 10:33 a.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report a stolen decal. Report taken.  
□ 12:02 p.m., Officer was dispatched to Lot# 6 and assisted parking department with a parking violation. Returned to service.  
□ 11 p.m., Officer responded to loud noise at University Village Apartments Building 25. Unable to locate. Returned to service.  
□ 11:15 p.m., Officer responded to a medical call at Blackhear Field. Student transported to North Cypress Hospital.

Friday, March 5

□ 5:52 p.m., Officer responded to the Veterinary Lot and met with complainant who reported a burglary/vehicle. Report taken.  
□ 9:49 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University College building 43 in reference to a burglary. Report taken.

Saturday, March 6

□ 1:32 a.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report lost property. Report generated.  
□ 2:27 a.m., Officers responded to an altercation reported at University College Building 38. Situation settled on scene. Returned to service.



## Heart of San Leon community reopens

By T.J. Aulds  
Galveston County Daily News

SAN LEON, Texas - For decades, the American Legion in San Leon has been the Bacliff-San Leon community's gathering spot, courthouse, rallying point, turkey shoot headquarters and popular watering hole.

Hurricane Ike threatened to take all of that away, but members of Post 291 mustered what they could, and a few weeks ago, the hall opened its doors once again.

"Anything that happens in this community, it usually happens here," American Legion Post 291 Commander Boyd Thomure said. "It's always been the place where people come together."

Whether it be to order a cold beer, eat a good meal during the post's famed steak night, host a wedding reception, rally community resources to help someone in need or

to debate and, yes, often fight about annexation vs. incorporating, the post on FM 517 is the heart of the San Leon community.

It gained a reputation as being the only place where you could have a government meeting and beer was served, except when the justice of the peace used to hold court there.

"Back then, we would have to yell, 'court's in session and the bar is closed,' Thomure said. "Once court was over, the bar opened back up." The judge was known to toss back a few after a session.

Part of its draw, Thomure said, is that the post always has been open to the public and not a members-only spot.

All the storm did was take out a building, though, not the passion for helping others or the will of the post members.

Long before any government help arrived, the post's members coordinated with church

groups and posts from across the region to get supplies delivered.

Thomure chased down a Salvation Army truck one day and let them set up shop on the legion property so people could find food while members of the Legion Riders motorcycle group coordinated with H-E-B to have eighteen-wheelers of supplies delivered.

While the main building was ripped from its foundation and shoved down the street six feet, the legion's 72 members still met each month. They took over a garage out back, and for 17 months, it became the headquarters.

With only one light bulb in the place, David Lattimer, the post's adjutant, said he used a cigarette lighter to keep the minutes of the meeting. Now, there's plenty of light in the new 4,800-square-foot hall, which is elevated so there is extra room downstairs for special events, offering the post an extra source of revenue.

## Lil Wayne set to be sentenced to year in NY jail

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Lil Wayne has agreed to go to jail in a gun case, but it has proven unexpectedly hard to put him there.

First, the rap star's sentencing was postponed last month so he could undergo surgery on his bejeweled teeth.

Then, a fire shut down Manhattan's main criminal courthouse while he was on his way there last week.

But Lil Wayne was finally sentenced Monday to a year in city jail, as planned when he pleaded guilty in October to attempted criminal possession of a weapon.

He admitted illegally having a loaded .40-caliber semiautomatic gun on his tour bus in July

2007.

The Grammy Award-winning rapper, born Dwayne Carter, has been one of music's most prolific and profitable figures in recent years. His "Tha Carter III" was the best-selling album of 2008. His latest album, "Rebirth," was released last month.

Facing jail with his career in full throttle, Lil Wayne has prepared with a burst of work and farewell shows and videos for fans.

He said in a video clip sent last week to MTV News that he shot footage for seven music videos with various artists in one night over the weekend.

He told Rolling Stone for a story last month that he planned to keep working behind bars.

"I'll be still rapping in there, have a gang of raps ready

when I come back home," he said.

With good behavior, he could be released in about eight months.

Lil Wayne is also set to go on trial March 30 on felony drug possession and weapons charges in Yuma County, Ariz.

That case stems from his January 2008 arrest at a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint, where authorities said they found cocaine, Ecstasy and a handgun on his tour bus.

New York City jail officials haven't said where the multiplatinum-selling artist will be housed among their roughly 13,000 inmates.

His lawyer has said she plans to ask for protective custody out of concern for safety, as well as his health after his extended oral surgeries.

## Obama appeals for health care

By Julie Pace  
Associated Press Writer

GLENSIDE, Penn. - President Barack Obama is turning up the heat on the nation's health insurers as he tries to rally public support for his overhaul legislation.

In a speech in suburban Philadelphia, Obama said insurance companies have decided that they'll make money by denying coverage to some and raising premiums on others.

Obama says they'll continue to do so as long as they're able to

get away with it.

Obama's pitch here, along with a stop in St. Louis Wednesday, comes as the president begins an all-out effort to pass his health care proposals.

The next two weeks will prove decisive with the White House pushing for a vote in the House of Representatives by March 18, when Obama leaves for an Asia trip.

The administration wants to shift attention away from the political debate on health care and onto the ways the president's plan could help consumers.

## Funeral planned for Osmond's son

By Jennifer Dobner  
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY - A funeral service was held Monday in Provo for the 18-year-old son of Marie Osmond, the singer's publicist said.

The private service for Michael Bryan will be held in a chapel near the Provo temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, publicist Alan Nierob said.

Police in Los Angeles have said Bryan died Feb. 26 from an apparent suicide after jumping from the eighth floor of the Metropolitan apartment building.

An official cause of death is pending the results of an autopsy and toxicology tests.

Police have said Bryan left a note, but have provided no details

about its contents.

One of five children adopted by Osmond, Bryan previously used his adoptive father's last name, Blosil.

Records from Utah's 4th District Court, however, show a judge had granted the teen a petition for a legal name change.

Osmond and Brian Blosil divorced in 2007 after two decades of marriage. Osmond also has three other children from marriages to Blosil and first husband, Stephen Craig, whom she divorced in 1985.

Bryan was a first-year student of apparel manufacturing at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising.

In 2007, Osmond said her son had entered a rehabilitation facility, but did not disclose what he was being treated for.

## AIG sells Alico unit for \$15.5 billion

By Ieva M. Augstums  
AP Business Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - American International Group Inc. said Monday it will sell its American Life Insurance Co. division for \$15.5 billion to MetLife Inc.

The deal, AIG's second big asset sale in two weeks, will give the insurer more cash to repay the billions of bailout dollars it still owes the government.

The purchase gives MetLife a much larger presence in Japan and in high-growth markets in Europe, the Middle East and Latin America. American Life Insurance, known as Alico, operates in more than 50 countries. MetLife currently offers services in 17 countries.

It also moves AIG closer to

repaying taxpayers. As of Dec. 31, the company owed the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York nearly \$130 billion. AIG's bailout package was originally worth up to \$182.5 billion.

On March 1, AIG agreed to sell Asia-based life insurer, AIA Group, to Britain's Prudential PLC for \$35.5 billion. The two units, while similar in product offerings, don't operate in the same markets in Asia.

Investors were pleased with the Alico deal, and bid AIG's shares up 4 percent, or \$1.13, to \$29.21 in afternoon trading. MetLife shares rose \$1.65, or 4.2 percent, to \$40.57.

MetLife will pay \$6.8 billion in cash for Alico. The rest will be paid in stock and what are called equity units.

## Starkville's arts scene still flourishes

By Kelly Daniels  
Starkville Daily News

STARKVILLE, Miss. - Dylan Karges came to Starkville in 1993 when Main Street had no parking problem. He started out at Mississippi State University studying architecture and later switched his major to art.

Since then, Karges has made a determined effort to make art more a part of Starkville culture.

"When I first got involved with the Arts Council, I asked about art in public places," he said. "Four years later, I think it's finally starting to happen."

Collaborating with the city's newly invigorated Beautification Committee, Karges has helped raise funds to allow art placed on public property for everyone to see.

And if the Starkville Community Market moves, Karges would like to use that empty lot as an opportunity to install his own work.

"I would really like to see 80 to 100 large scale human scale figures in that space," he said.

But without public beauty, public art may seem out of place. That is why one of his main objectives is to "edit the ugly out" of Starkville, starting with the Mississippi Highway 182 corridor.

"When the town hits that street, it just sort of dies," he said. "It's a really complex problem to fix, and we're trying to build some momentum on public revitalization projects."

Karges' role in expanding art and beauty in the community started with his personal involvement with his own work, when he realized his art couldn't do a lot if it isn't shared with others.

### Foster Care Alumni Student Network

Connecting Today, Transforming Tomorrow!!

Chat and Chew  
March 8 at 5PM  
UC Panther Room

Our guest will be  
PAL Rep Pam Walker  
from the HAY Center in Houston  
(Pam will be here at 4 in case anyone wants to talk to her)

The Foster Care Alumni Student Network  
at Prairie View (FCA-PV)  
would like to connect with you.

No fees, no membership requirements.  
All we need from you is your email address.

Questions??

If you are interested, contact Ila Schauer at 936-261-5909  
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or ask for Ms Schauer at the UC Advisment Center

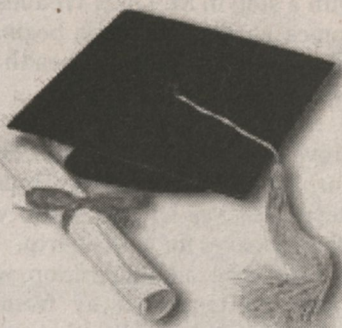


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## Academic Calendar Events



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3/26  
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for SUMMER 2010 AND FALL  
2010

3/31  
Founders Day/Honors  
Convocation

4/2  
Good Friday/Easter  
(Student Holiday)

4/5  
Withdrawal from Course(s) with  
academic record ("W") Ends

4/13  
Priority Registration Begins for  
Summer/Fall

# Aduice for Productive Students

## The rise of the Internet job application

By Aaron Jacobs  
Business Manager

It is an old school tradition that says it is better to send a paper resume and cover letter than to apply online or via email. The logic is that your application materials will make a better impression if they actually arrive on a person's desk, rather than ending up in a computer database somewhere online. But paper is very loseable. Online resources offer a much broader impact on job searching opportunities.

Many companies no longer accept paper resumes. In some cases, like at Citibank, job seekers are required to register and to build an employment profile. Once you've built your profile, you can apply for jobs online and set up search agents to email you when new jobs are added to the system.

Some companies give you an option. Dell, for example, will accept either an online employment application, an online resume, or a faxed resume. Online applicants can utilize Dell's resume builder that takes you step-by-step, through the process of resume writing or you can copy/paste an existing resume into the resume builder. Walmart's online job application system is simpler. There are instructions for sending your resume via email in each job posting or you can click on the "apply for this job link" to open your email client. Paste your resume into the email and send.

Before you spend time sending a paper resume and cover letter, review the job posting for application instructions and/or check with the company web site. Career/

Job information is usually listed in the "About Us" section. Review how the company wants you to apply and follow the directions. If you don't, your application may not be considered.

From our perspective, online employment application systems work well. Applicants can apply online for specific positions at any time that is convenient for them, with just a few mouse clicks. At larger employers, and on many job sites, job seekers can keep track of the positions they have applied for. There's no need for printing, copying or mailing and applying online saves on postage.

In addition, it's faster, much faster to apply online. Applicants can apply online, resumes can be reviewed and interviews scheduled very quickly. For example, it is not all that uncommon to be called within an hour of emailing a resume, or to be interviewed the next day and offered a position the day after. But if applications could only be submitted through mail, your resume would have still been in the mail.

It is important to keep track of where you have applied, so you're not confused when you hear from an employer wanting to schedule an interview. You will need to know what job you're interviewing for so you can represent your qualifications for the position.

If you have multiple copies of your resume, keep track of which one you sent. Again, you'll need to address your skills and qualifications in an interview, so you'll need to match what you said when you applied. It's not quite as easy to remember when it's all done online!

## How to make your boss love you

By Talisha Sims  
Panther Contributor

Have you ever wondered how to please your boss at work? Well here are some different types of bosses and how to get on their good side.

The Robot can be distinguishing by an empty desk and no family pictures. With them it's all business, all the time: they are the sworn enemy of fun, levity, and emotion. The Robot would rather you just get to work at all times. While it can be nice to have someone driving you to do your best, it would be nice to feel a little bit of emotional connection from time to time, right?

It may not sound like a lot of fun, but you'll probably have to hide your own feelings and buckle down to The Robot's schedule. On the up side, she can teach you discipline and efficiency. Try making allies of your coworkers. They're probably as frustrated as you are!

The Softy always gives second chances. What they do: They think they're making things easier on their employees, but in the long run The Softy's kid-glove approach to management just makes it harder for great workers to succeed and easier for slackers to stick around. Being a boss involves making difficult decisions sometimes, especially when it comes to employees, but The Softy doesn't seem to realize this.

The worst thing to do is hurt The Softy's feelings, so try changing things up by commending them on his toughest calls.

The Weasel promises one thing but delivers another. They will say anything — and we do mean anything — to get what they want out of you. The Weasel will try to get a raise, a promotion, and even some time off. Sure, you'll get what you've been dreaming about eventually if you take on extra work or a hellish new project. Or so they say, I wouldn't recommend you holding your breath for The Weasel to actually deliver.

Completing all the grunt work will get you great distances with The Weasel, but just remember to trust nothing The Weasel says, ever. Your best bet is to get it in writing. A paper trail will be your best defense against lies and false promises.

The Mystery is distinguishing by closed doors and out of office

messages.

Who knows what they're doing? The Mystery is an expert at the arts of subterfuge, denial, and ... whatever it is they do. Either they're on a business trip or in a locked-door meeting or plotting world domination all day or ... something. Whatever it is, you're left to your own devices to figure things out, minus any guidance at all. Too bad you'll still be on the hook if things go wrong. The Mystery man will be gone when it comes down to it. The best thing is to wait it out and give them space.

The Viper is a backhanded compliment giver who always shows a fake smile. The Viper seems like he wakes up on the wrong side of the bed every single morning. From snippy comments about personal matters ("Are you pregnant? Oh, it just seemed like you were gaining weight.") to undermining your efforts at work ("So you're just learning Excel, right?"), The Viper has a real talent for making you feel bad about yourself.

How to make them love you: We're not actually certain that the Viper is capable of loving an employee, so it's probably best to just stay a good distance away from him. A helpful hint is to keep feelings to yourself, and share as little information about your life as possible.

The Buddy wants to be your friend, not your boss. Too bad for them you've already got friends and wouldn't want to hang with them anyway. From "happy" hours that seem more like a punishment to unfunny jokes that you've just got to laugh at (or else!) And don't get us started on his habit of trying to start questionable relationships with subordinates. It's just painful to watch.

Laugh at his funnier jokes, but don't stoop to laughing at every joke — being a suck-up isn't a great way to maintain your dignity. Say "no thanks" to all the invitations you can, and keep your own interactions with The Buddy on an extremely professional level — you'll be helping them in the long run, and they'll respect you for it.

The Miracle is normally fun, supportive, capable, and inspiring. The Miracle is every employee's dream come true. They do what they say, always follow up, and usually can push you to do your best in a way that makes the hardest work seem like play. If you're working for The Miracle you'll know it, from the smile on your face at the end of the

day to your rewarding paycheck at the end of the week.

Work your butt off and thank your lucky stars, since The Miracle is like a fairy that doesn't come along very often. Use this great opportunity to really see how far you can go, and at the end of The Miracle's tenure, make sure you get a letter of reference!

The Monster lives to make your life horrible, and they are good at it. From embarrassing you in front of the customers to lying about your results to engaging in borderline criminal harassment, The Monster repeatedly demonstrates that they have no pity, human decency, or shame. Unfortunately, with this one you there's no help. So the best thing to do is to run. Get out.

Number Crunchers are prevalent in IT companies. The Number Cruncher can only read math and statistical analysis, and if your performance appears to be declining on paper rest assured you will get a lecture, even if you've been working as hard as you can and your intangibles are helping out the company in other ways.

Give them something they can understand: Numbers and strict analysis. Track your successes (and your failures) with painstaking detail and fanatical devotion. Even if it's a chore in the immediate future, your data mining will pay off and you will have something on paper that proves you've been working hard.

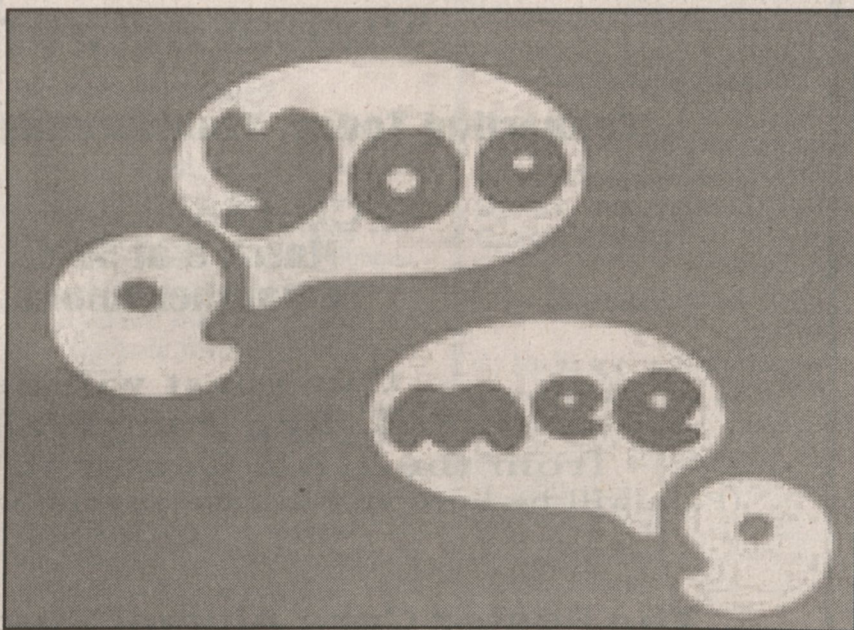
An Innovator's head is full of big ideas, and they waste no time dreaming them up and then making sure they actually come true. Great for business, but it usually means you get no life outside the office because you're the one actually making his dream come to life.

When The Innovator is your boss the best thing for you to do is work hard and show commitment, but keep your sense of self outside of work.

The Tuft Hunter as a boss, is always looking for his own next promotion. Does that mean they create an opening for you once they make it up that ladder — or are you merely a rung to be stepped on? That's something only The Tuft Hunter knows. You'll might find out too late.

Try to make The Tuft look good as best as you can, and you'll be one step closer to a promotion of your very own.

## Hooked Media Group



Courtesy of Facebook

By Teque'lia Lewis  
Panther Staff

In today's society, online gaming has become hot on the market and an instant part of social networking. The most recently recognized online gaming company Hooked Media Group has launched Yoo-Mee.

Hooked Media Group is a distributive social gaming company founded in 2008 in San Francisco, Calif. Yoo-Mee is the social gaming platform for Hooked Media Group, created to entice members on websites, social networks, and mobile devices. Basically, an economical gaming site that has numerous casual games you can play with anyone, anywhere. Publishers' from existing sites pull players from social networks and channel them directly to the gaming website.

Yoo-Mee has more creative ways to keep gamers returning. The site allows people to challenge one another, play with multiple gamers, and earn virtual currency through online wagers.

Business development employee Daniel Heinrich said, "We distribute games and socialize them, take casual single player games and make them multi player games as well. Games are relevant because people spend more time online and technology is booming. Computers are a vital part of our lives in today's

social network." Heinrich said, "One of the best parts is the players can win wagers through gaming tournaments or challenging competitors. They can either get tokens as loyalty currency or the gold currency where you play one-on-one games and win real money."

Social medias such as; Facebook, Twitter, and MySpace have become the main sites used by publishers to gain revenue through these games. These sites are primarily used by youth, especially college students.

"College students play a profound part in this industry because they are game players, some students have busy lives and schedules. So, Yoo-Mee is a great social interaction with recreation. It's beneficial to students because it is open to anyone and gives them a chance to rest their minds. They can still play with friends and stay sociable at school. Yoo-Mee doesn't require time commitment, unlike other gaming sites," says Heinrich.

Not only does social gaming influence less stress on students, but it's in growing demand. Developers, advertisers, and marketers are gaining much revenue. Through building ecosystems around their games, targeting audiences in many different demographics, game genres, content, and exposure when users post scores on their social sites. There are nearly 200 million game users globally, according to statistics.



## LET'S HELP TODAY



Turkey has been hit by an earthquake.

In the last few weeks, Haiti, Chile, and now Turkey have faced a

devastation I could never begin to imagine. So what is next?

It's hard for me to relate to the disaster that has taken place here on our "lovely" planet, but that does not keep me from being sympathetic to all that is affected.

People, we need to help. I understand that we all may not be financially able to donate and contribute but is that really the only way to give service?

Why not find a local relief center and volunteer time, or even help to get out accurate information to those not as aware? Part of the problem that occurs is that people are not as aware of what is really going on as we think.

Not only are some of our peers oblivious to anything that is going on around campus, but some of "us" really don't know anything about what's going on in the world.

All of us seem to want to join the "I'm a leader" bandwagon, so let's show leadership and educate one another. Let's show leadership and set positive examples.

Most importantly, let's be leaders and help by doing our part to help sustain our Earth. We can all recycle more, be less wasteful, and more mindful of our environment. It is really great that the university has taken a stand to support the "Go Green" campaign and start recycling paper, but that does not limit us to only recycling here. We should do the same for our bottles, cans etc.

We need to be more mindful of the energy we are consuming each day. Do we really need to drive as often as we do? Couldn't our showers be five minutes less?

We tend to forget that how we take care of our Earth will determine how our Earth takes care of us. My theory is that the more we abuse it and ignore its needs, the more problems we will have.

Now of course I'm not saying that if we all pitched in to turn off our water while brushing our teeth, or bought hybrid cars we would have no more natural disasters. I feel like I need to make that clear, we are not God. We cannot control all things that happen, but we most definitely can do our part.

I challenge all of us, myself included, to be that "leader" we say we are and help out.

Whitney Harris

## Letter from BSM

It is my understanding that certain statements that were recently published in the Wednesday, March 3, 2010 issue of *The Panther* in the article titled "Funding falls too short," in reference to the Baptist Student Movement choir may have been misconstrued or taken out of context.

Often individuals or parties will make statements without fully considering the consequences that may ensue.

The statements made by Antonio Redmon in the aforementioned publication do not in any way accurately represent the views of the BSM.

It is for this reason we would like a retraction printed in the next publication of *The Panther*, stating that the Baptist Student Movement would like to retract or

denounce those statements made by Mr. Antonio Redmon.

The exact statements that we request to be retracted are, "I believe the university is stuck on separation of church and school, they want to be cautious of mixing religion with school. However, they don't realize the positive energy we are bringing to the campus. As an organization, the Baptist Student Movement, being one of the oldest organizations on this campus, has been declined twice by the SGA for funding. It somewhat hurts because you know that you're doing something that you are called to do and love dearly, but you don't receive the support you need."

Malika A. Walker  
Sergeant at Arms  
Retreat Chairperson

## Apology to SGA, BSM

I want to personally apologize for any harm or distress caused by my most recent article, "Funding falls too short."

My intentions for the article were not to bash nor criticize the works of Student Government Association. As a new journalist, I have learned that every story has two sides to it. I want to say that the article was written last semester

before SGA granted BSM money. I am sorry if it caused any controversy between the two organizations, however, as adults I believe that we all can handle this situation as adults and move forward. So, I would like to personally say I am sorry to Baptist Student Movement and Student Government Association.

Amen Oyiboke-Osifo

## Shh...that's taboo!

I believe our Women's Leadership Council has been doing an excellent job so far in keeping our students engaged, educated and socially connected. However, there seems to be a topic that many of us women are terrified to discuss and almost embarrassed to bring up. This "thing" seems to be cutting our life spans short, decreasing the self-esteem in our community and at times causing a sense of division among us women. What is it?

Weight and body image. Yes, I know its taboo to discuss weight, or size, but honestly, I am tired of keeping it quiet. Our community has always embraced 'thickness' and 'extra meat'. We've all heard people say "she's so little—she looks like she's starving" or been told that black men are only interested in 'thick' women. However, while embracing this wonderful idea of being slightly overweight—or 'thick' as some say, we never factor in possibly having diabetes, hypertension, and high blood pressure.

No, I am not saying that the woman who is a size 2 is necessarily healthier than the woman who is a size 12. I am simply saying that we put more emphasis on weight and body image when ultimately we should be concerned with overall health.

I'm not an idiot. I understand that we are all unique individuals and all of our body types

are different. Some of us just are not designed to ever fit into a size 2 and some of us will never be a size 24 and that's OK! I encourage all women to embrace who they are and love themselves.

However, I am a firm believer in changing something that does not work. According to the CDC, the African-American community has been plagued with the sky rocketing increase of hypertension and diabetes within the last couple of years.

There is nothing wrong with our beautiful hips and thick thighs but there is something wrong with not exercising. There is also something wrong with over seasoning, excessive drinking and making unhealthy nutrition decisions.

Our generation has to be the one to make the change. Skinny, 'thick', or fat, diabetes and hypertension is affecting our entire community at an alarming rate, and as women, I am challenging us all to change our lifestyles and get educated on how to eat well and exercise while maintaining our unique frames.

Instead of having cupcakes, cookies, soda and juices full of corn syrup during our gatherings or events, let us have water, fruit, granola bars, veggie trays, etc. Do a few crunches as you are watching The Wendy Williams Show or Nancy Grace and plan a healthy grocery list prior to going to the store. Walk the dog, take the kids for a bike ride or purchase a home workout video.

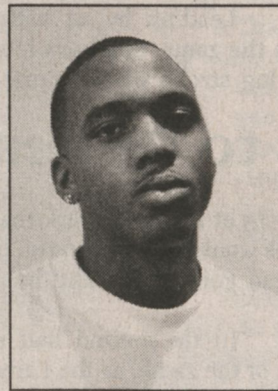
Let this year's Women's History Month be remembered as the month you educated, celebrated, and changed your lifestyle.

Aida Fall

I Love College  
By Robert Jordan III

## PURPLE & GOLD POLL

What are your plans for this upcoming spring break? Do you think it will be a stress reliever from mid-terms?



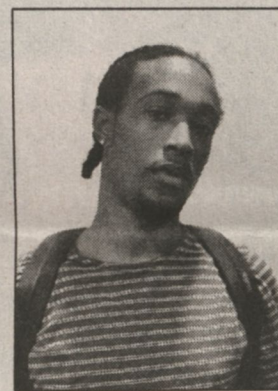
"I'm going to South Padre for spring break. It's going to be a stress reliever because my mind will be off school for a whole week. I'll have time to refocus my mind and get ready for finals."

Wesley Roberts  
Junior  
Civil Engineering



"I plan to go back to Dallas and chill with my friends and family. Yes I think it will be a great stress reliever."

Monique Kimbrough  
Sophomore  
Education



"I'm going to Panama City, Fla. It's my first time doing something big for spring break and I'm excited. This will be a big stress reliever from midterms and school."

Silvester Robinson Jr.  
Senior  
Animal Science

By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

## Staff Member of the Week



Jessica Ferguson  
Junior  
Communications

## SGA Speak Out

As student representatives we, the finance and appropriations committee, artfully respect any student's preference whether it is religion, politics or sexuality.

We also attempt to show unbiased decisions on all interviews that we conduct with registered student organizations that request financial assistance. We realize that funds that we allocate to organizations rightfully belong to every Panther on "The Hill."

We would like to publicly accept the Baptist Student Movement apology for their criticizing article that was reported in *The Panther* last week.

As student leaders we will continue to uphold the standards of helping every student at Prairie View A & M University reach their full potential.

"In wake of these accusations towards SGA pertaining to the allocation of funds we extend funds to all registered student organizations and application process. We are a student government entity but we do not operate under the rule of church and state," said Bobby Smith, vice president of academic affairs.

As a reminder, the Southern Association of Colleges and

Schools will be coming to review the university March 22-24.

Students please be aware of iRead, the university's quality enhancement plan.

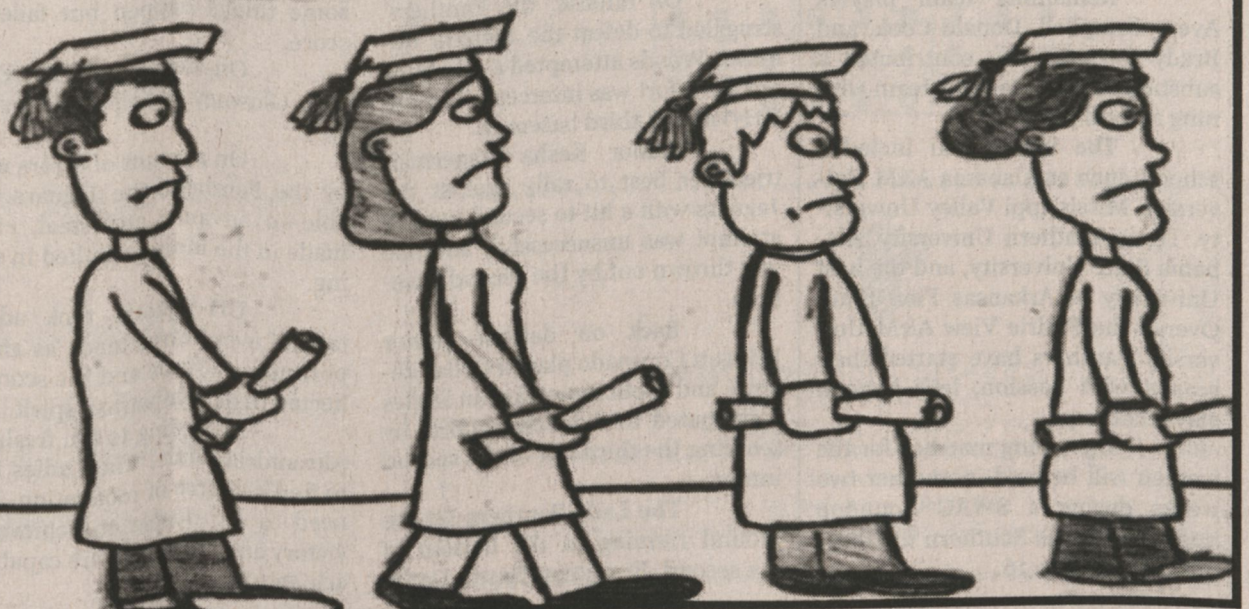
As spring break approaches, we student representatives challenge all Prairie View Panthers to make smart decisions. As difficult as it may be to be the one that is not participating in unhealthy decisions, we must remember that we are students that have responsibilities.

Let us make sure we return to our campus as safe as possible. Encourage your fellow Panthers to do the same and create safe, alternative ways of fun.

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, SGA wants YOUR input. We truly value student opinions and suggestions. Do you have any complaints, concerns or thoughts about how we could improve as an organization? Remember, we work for YOU.

Do you agree with what your student representatives are doing? Are you completely satisfied with what SGA has done this year? WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK! Please feel free to email your concerns, thoughts and suggestions to Aida Fall at afall@pvamu.edu.

## UNEMPLOYMENT





# Big loss used as wake up call going into SWAC

By Jeremy O. Malone  
Sports Editor

Prairie View A&M was defeated 69-67 on Saturday night as Alcorn State ended a difficult season on a positive note after going (2-29, 2-16 Southwestern Athletic Conference) on the season.

The Braves also lost their first 24 games of the season.

The Panthers, (16-13, 11-7) shot only 18.8 percent (3-for-16) in the second half, while the Braves made 66.7 percent of their shots (16-for-24).

To make matters worse Prairie View was leading 42-25 after the first half.

In the teams' first meeting of the season Prairie View A&M won 82-60.

Guard Tim Meadows scored 13 points to lead Prairie View A&M.

In a battle against Southern University this past Thursday, Prairie View A&M defeated the Tigers 75-69 at the F.G. Clark Activity Center in Baton Rouge, La.

Leading by 14 with 3:33 left in the game, Southern found its shooting stroke while Prairie View

went on a cold streak. The Jaguars would go on an 11-0 run to claw back within three points with only 39 seconds remaining.

In the last moment of the game players scrambled for the loose ball that guard Tim Meadows was able to grab from the crowd and instinctively call a timeout to claim possession for the Panthers.

With fouling as Southern's only option, senior Chris Jones was buckets from the charity stripe as he went 5-of-6 over the final 25 seconds to seal the win.

Griffin played 35 minutes but went 1 for 11 from the field in-

cluding 0 for 7 behind the arch.

Proving that basketball is a team sport, the Panthers overcame his poor shooting as the rest of the team shot 44 percent from the field and 33 percent from three.

Four players scored in double figures for the Panthers with Jones having a monstrous performance that featured a team-high 19 points, eight rebounds, five assists, five steals and two blocks.

Brandon Webb followed with 17 points and eight boards while Hугее and Meadows both scored 13.

Griffin said, "I feel we end-

ed the way we needed to. Not the way we wanted, but it humbled us. I expect us to play with more hunger and not allow ourselves to get comfortable with any kind of lead. As a team we know that we can win the tournament, we just have to put together our defense and offense throughout the 40 minutes of each game we play."

Graduate assistant Ahmed Khalfan said, "We are excited to be here, once the tournament starts everyone is 0-0. It's a new start, and our goal is to take it one game at a time and win three to make make it to the NCAA Tournament.

## Turnovers prove to be deadly for Panthers

By Jeremy O. Malone  
Sports Editor

The Lady Panthers dropped the final game of the season to Alcorn State, 72-66, Saturday afternoon at the Whitney Center in Alcorn, Miss.

In a fast pace game the Lady Panthers were unable to defeat the Lady Braves in an up and down game.

Early in the first half the Lady Panthers seemed to not want the ball as they committed six turnovers to allow Alcorn State to get off to a 12-4 advantage.

Lady Panther, Dominique Smith, has turned into Prairie View's main scoring threat as she went on a 6-0 run on her own. With the score

of 28-25 at the 3:35 mark the Lady Braves would go on a 7-0 run to take the lead going into halftime at 34-30.

In the second half it was much of the same, as the Lady Panthers would fight hard, but to no avail.

The Lady Braves would open up with an 8-2 run, taking charge of the game.

The Lady Panthers were able to cut the lead to two, but were unable to upset the Braves at home.

Smith led all scores with 25 points, three assists and one steal.

Courtney Larsen followed with 14 points, four assists and three steals. Ciara Banks contributed 11 points and pulled down 12 rebounds.

In the previous game, the Lady Panthers' second half shooting woes were their downfall which gave Southern University the final edge in a 55-33 win at the A. W. Mumford Stadium on Thursday.

Not only did the Lady Panthers have a terrible performance shooting at a 32 percent clip, they were unable to protect the ball, making 40 turnovers on the night.

The Lady Panthers attempted only 34 field goals compared to Southern University's 69 field goal attempts.

No Lady Panther was able to obtain double-digits in points.

Smith and Robin Jones were the top scorers for the Lady Panthers as they contributed eight points each.

## Lady Panthers dominate

By Channler Hill  
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M University men and women's golf team participated in the Golden Lion Classic invitational this past weekend in Pine Bluff, Ark.

The women's golf team won the classic, bringing home the UAPB Invitational, while the men's tennis team won second place.

The Lady Panthers came through and dominated, recording an overall top three individual scores to start off their first season.

Junior Lady Panther Peni Sanjoto led her team with tournament low rounds of 82 and 84.

Senior Aziza Glass chipped in back to back rounds of 85, while Danetta Dunn contributed in the solid second round score to finish third among her teammates.

Head Coach Alvin Blake was more than proud, he stated, "I thought they did an excellent job and they're coming together as a group."

I foresee good things playing out for this team if Peni and Aziza can keep leading with their play like they've done so far."

Although the men's golf team did not bring home a first place win, they did bring home second place.

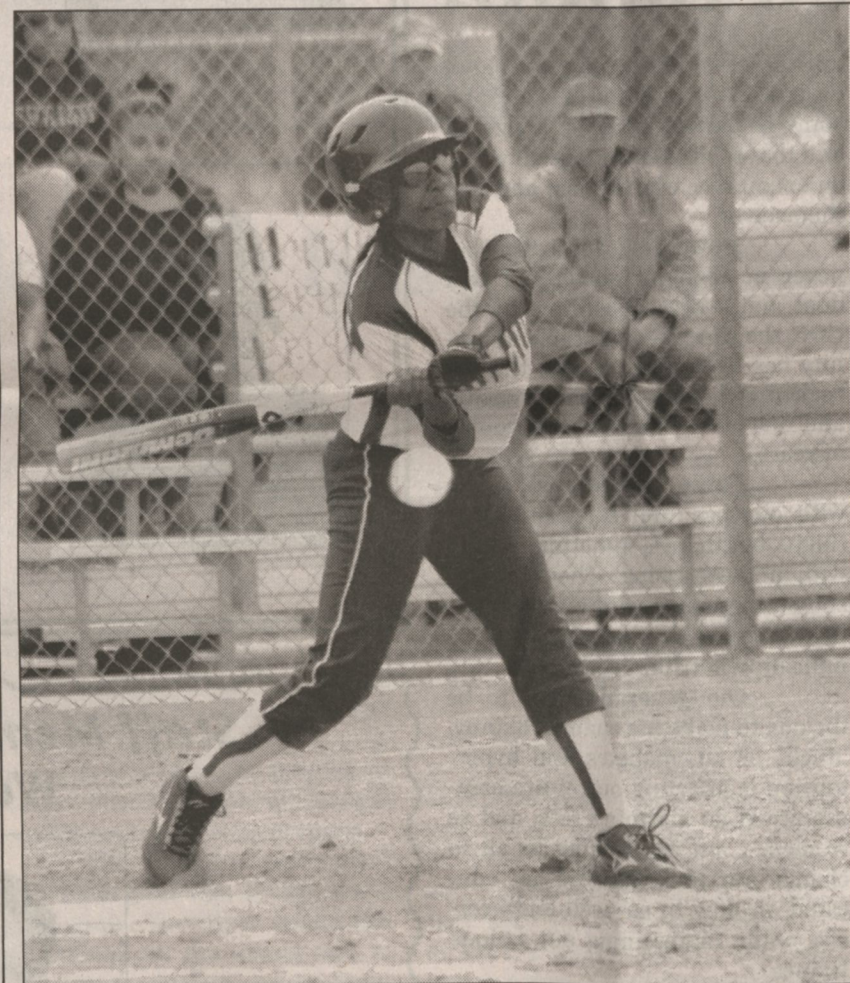
Sophomore player Michael Bradham, who played his first ever meet at Prairie View A&M University held his team high when he shot a 71 in the first round followed by an 82 in the second round to finish third overall within his team.

Despite the weather consisting of rain, wind, and cold, sophomore Joseph Daly redeemed himself from the subpar opening round and ended the tournament strong with an overall 79 to finish his match.

Remaining team players Avery Campbell, Donald Cook, and Brady Faggard also contributed a substantial effort to their team winning second place.

The invitational included schools such as Alabama A&M University, Mississippi Valley University, Texas Southern University, Alabama State University, and the host University of Arkansas Pine Bluff. Overall the Prairie View A&M University Panthers have started their season with passion, let's hope it stays that way.

Upcoming matches for the women will be held in another two weeks during a SWAC Roundup hosted by Texas Southern in Houston, TX. on Mar. 16.



By Perry Osborne Johnson, The Panther

**Lady Panthers:** The Lady Panthers' lack of offense is the reason the season is starting off at a slow pace.

## Lady Panthers struggle with offense in doubleheader

By Troyla Washington  
Panther Staff

This past Friday the Lady Panthers competed against the University of Houston-Victoria Jaguars in a doubleheader losing 11-3 in the first game and 12-1 in the second.

The Panthers got off to a great start on defense.

Junior Artavia Woods made a great catch in the first inning for the second out of the game and the third out came shortly afterwards.

On offense, the Panthers' struggled to defeat the Jaguars' defense. Woods attempted a slap bunt but the effort was intercepted by the UH-Victoria third baseman.

Junior Kesha Hagerman tried her best to rally against the Jaguars with a hit to second but her attempt was unsuccessful, and she was thrown out by the second baseman.

Back on defense junior Bridgett Coronado played stellar defense and sophomore Jasmin Littles contributed to defensive efforts by securing the third out of the second inning.

The Lady Panthers hit the ground running in the bottom of the second. Freshman Destin Darby

started off the inning with a bang by getting a hit to an infield gap.

Top of the third, freshman Antoinia King started off the defensive efforts with a great catch, but not to be outdone Allison Hinton of the Jaguars retaliated with a hit which led to the first score of the game.

The third inning was a long and eventful inning, which was filled with scoring by the Jaguars and errors by the Panthers.

Once the Panthers got the chance to make up lost ground, the Ladies were able to actually make some things happen but failed to score.

On defense UHV's Elizabeth Glowney was put out by Little's.

On account of errors made by the Panthers, the Jaguars were able to advance and steal, errors made in the inning resulted in scoring.

UH-Victoria took advantage of every error made as an opportunity to score and the score reflected their competitive spirit.

According to fan freshman Alexandria Sauls, "the Ladies need to find a source of motivation. They need to dig deeper to achieve the victory and know they are capable of achieving."

By Teque'lia Lewis  
Panther Staff

The 2010 PVAMU Ring Ceremony for the championship football team was held in the MSC Ballroom at 12 p.m. on March 9.

The ceremony was filled with coaches, players, faculty, and family members to support the team. Miss Prairie View A&M University Chelsea Hill opened the ceremony and welcomed the team and guests.

President George Wright and Athletic Director Fred Washington honored the team with speeches of appreciation.

Head Football Coach Henry Frazier III gave an inspiring speech with gratitude to his players and before exiting stated, "You're only as good as your last win, or your last loss."

He also presented a short presentation of highlights over the past few years.

In 2008 the football team was ranked 25th and had the best record since 1964 (9-1), 2007 they had the first winning season since 1976, and had their first ever football championship win since 1964.

## Lady Panthers make history

By Channler Hill  
Panther Staff

For the first time in Prairie View A&M University history the Lady Panthers soccer team is having a spring soccer schedule.

Their first match took place on March 6 against the Puerto Rican National team at Huskie field and against Houston Baptist college.

The PVAMU Panthers had their hearts set out on a win and took on the challenge against their competition in an 8 vs. 8-formatted play style.

The first exhibition resulted in an up and down affair against Prairie View A&M University and Houston Baptist.

The Panthers fell behind after the HBC had obtained a 1-0 lead over the Panthers. Yosselyn Aguilar kicked in a goal for the team, as well

as her first personal goal for the season, setting the score at 1-1.

The final score remained 1-1, sending Prairie View A&M University and Houston Baptist College home with a draw. The Lady Panthers of held their second and more intense match against The Puerto Rican National B Team.

The Lady Panthers were denied access to their opponents' goal. National B moved past the Panthers like they had wings carrying them to PVAMU'S goal. The final score was set 3-0, in favor of for National B.

Prairie View A&M University ended with a draw and a loss head coach Abe Garcia stated "Overall our girls did well having to adjust to the small and faster setting. It forced us to adjust quickly and understand the game better, which will all in all continue the overall growth and improvement of our team".

## Panthers earn split in home opener

By Cedrick Wilson  
Panther Staff

On Tuesday, March 2, the Prairie View A&M baseball team opened their home schedule with a doubleheader of seven inning games against the Rams of Huston-Tillotson University.

In the first game of the afternoon, defense reigned supreme as both teams combined for only eleven hits in the game. In the bottom of the 2nd as Evan Richard hit a sacrifice fly to score Brandon Williams.

The Rams tied the game in the top of the fifth as Benjamin Alaniz hit a RBI single off starting pitcher Robert Ponce. The Panthers had a brief opportunity in the bottom of the fifth but the offense was shut down after a leadoff double.

The game then entered extra innings where the Rams struck in the top of the 8th with a RBI triple by Howard Limuel. The Panthers went down in order in the bottom of the 8th and the Rams won 2-1.

In the second game of the day, the offense for both schools picked up drastically. The Rams picked up where they left off in the earlier game by scoring two runs on two hits and a walk, energized by a RBI triple from Alaniz.

However, the Panthers developed a response by plating four

runs in the bottom of the first. The first run came when Kyle Bible took a hit by pitch with the bases loaded to score Andre Oliver.

Richard singled, scoring Salvador Hernandez and Jason Thomas hit a two RBI single to push the early lead to 4-2. After two scoreless innings, the Rams closed the gap to 4-3 with a sacrifice fly in the top of the fifth.

The Panthers promptly answered with two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning based on good base running and clutch situational hitting, keyed by a RBI groundout by Brandon Brooks.

With runners on first and third with no one out, Brooks grounded to the first baseman; Thomas scored on the play and Rafael Perez sneaked to second to get into scoring position.

The next batter, Andre Oliver, singled and Perez scored on the base hit to push the lead to 6-3.

To seal the game, the Panthers then scored two more in the bottom of the sixth, one on a RBI triple by Brooks and the other on a double steal where Oliver was caught stealing but occupied the defense long enough in a rundown to allow Brooks to score.

The Rams scored a meaningless run in the top of the seventh to make the final score 8-4 to earn the Panthers a split.



# Eight things you aren't eating but should be...

By Marcia Goodson  
Panther Contributor

How many times do you walk into a grocery store and look blankly at the fruit and vegetable section?

Do you spy an apple worth picking up and move on to the frozen food section or do you actually look, pawing through the treasure trove grocery stores offer?

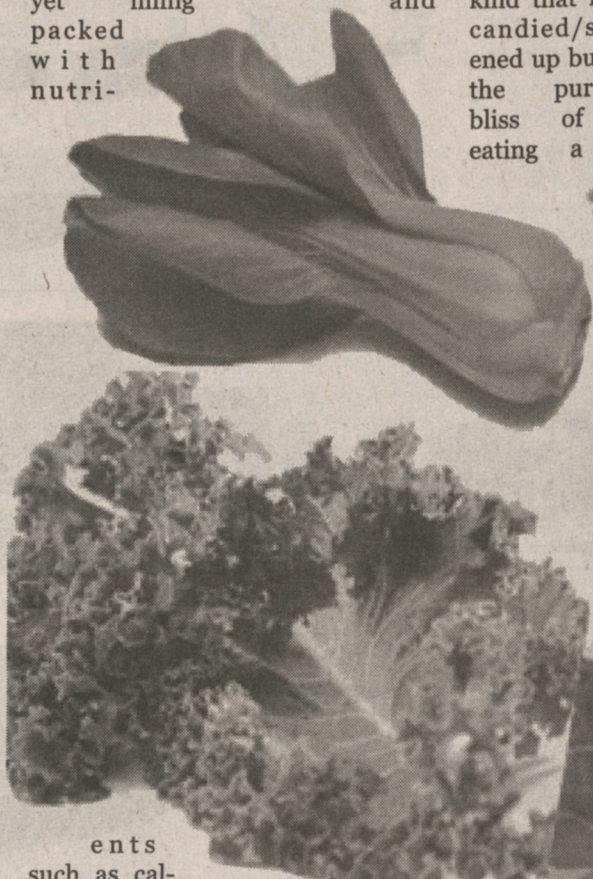
Well, maybe it's time for the latter. Think about your plate differently and open up your mind to new possibilities.

Out of all the arguments, disagreements, everchanging and confusing information in the nutrition world, one thing remains steady and that's to "eat a wide variety diet, mostly fruits and vegetables, and in moderation."

Keep those three simple rules in mind and good nutrition will be right at your side. So without further ado, eight things you aren't eating....but really should.

1) Kale - Rich in antioxidants, minerals, vitamins and delicately bitter with a deep emerald green, it's great tossed with whole wheat pasta, pieces of fresh chopped garlic, drizzled with olive oil, a dash of garlic salt, and polished off with a dusting of parmesan cheese.

2) Bok choy - A cousin of the cabbage and just as wonderful. So versatile and insanely cheap yet filling and packed with nutrients.



ents such as calcium, vitamin C and vitamin A plus glucosinolates which may prevent cancer. It's great chopped and added to any soup or

stir fried for a quick and healthy dinner.

3) Sweet potatoes - Not the kind that have been candied/sweetened up but the pure bliss of eating a

carotene than 23 cups of broccoli, consider replacing that white potato with a golden one the next steak night.

4) Pumpkin - A Thanksgiving favorite but now you can enjoy it all year long. Packed with fiber, low in calories, yet high in potassium, magnesium and vitamin E, mix with cinnamon kissed vanilla yogurt and breakfast is ready.

5) Quinoa - A seed often used like a grain making it a delicious option for those who are gluten intolerant. And because it's complete in

amino acids, it's a powerful protein substitute for those who are vegetarian. The best part about quinoa is it cooks just like rice but in half the time. Try it tossed with roasted vegetables, olives, and feta cheese and you have a Mediterranean delight.

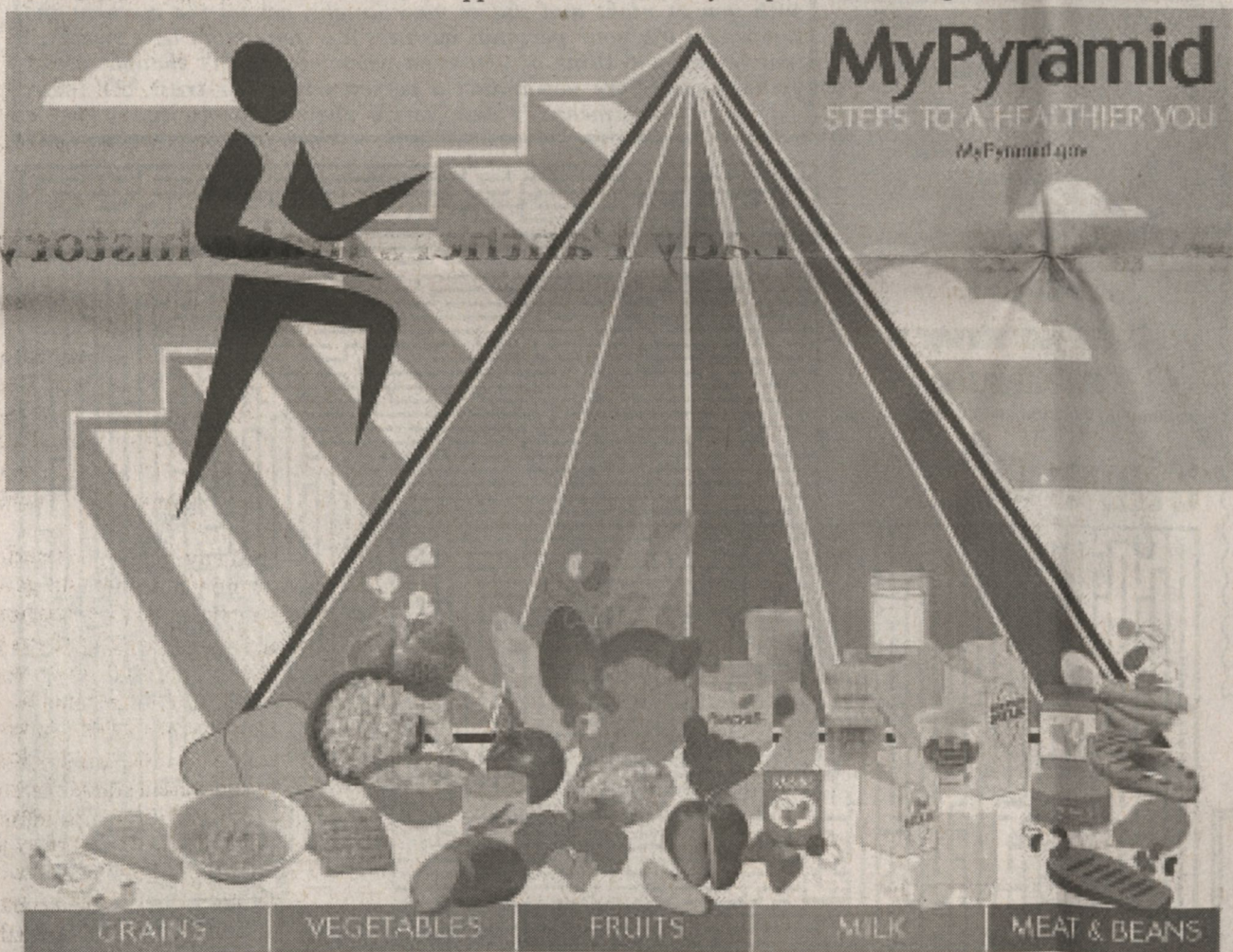
6) Radishes - Little red bulbs usually bundled together, it's hard not to grab some just for the cute factor. They are full of potassium, anti-inflammatory agents, and minerals such as sulphur, iron, and iodine. They're great shaved in a salad but if you're more adventurous, they can be sautéed or even pickled.

7) Beets - If radishes are cute, beets are hideous. A rough exterior looking root with a painfully red center that when not careful could stain the hands or the counter.

But call it a diamond in the rough because they are high in folate, manganese, potassium and once cut, tossed with a little olive oil, sea salt and placed in a roasting oven, the flesh will caramelize giving it a decidedly sweet flavor.

8) Swiss chard - Back to the greens! There are just so many, and this is definitely one you should add to your collection.

Beautifully long intense green leaves with red but sometimes yellow or blue stems. Try them sautéed with freshly minced garlic and a hint of heat from red pepper flakes.



## A real woman.. A genuine heart

By Amen Oyeboke-Osifo  
Panther Intern

Women in today's society vary from culture to culture. It seems as though there are different versions of women sprouting up in different corners of the Earth. Although there may be differences in culture, personality, and values, women of all races uphold one thing in common: individualistic strength.

"A woman remains strong through her circumstances," Dalia Oyiboke stated, "She is empowering through her care taking, her actions of love, and the extremes she goes through to take care of the ones she loves. A real woman holds her head up high through adversity."

Individualistic strength is not determined by beauty nor by humanistic standards, but by personal perseverance through life's troubles. A woman never apologizes to anyone for her beauty she sprouts- inside or out. "A real woman has a good

relationship with Christ and develops her inner beauty rather than being overly concerned about her outward appearance and how society views it," junior Kemi Adesodun said, "Of course a woman should take care of herself and look her best; however, it is far more important to develop an inner spirit of Godliness." Junior Ridge Cooper agrees with Adesodun, "A woman is a giver of life, who fears God and has innate ability to show compassion and care towards people."

What is so empowering about women? Senior Lew Webster Lacy said, "What is so empowering about women is their ability to be caring and supportive at the time of reasoning when men are unable to do so." Junior Yandeh Jallow said, "To be an empowering woman, she has to maintain sophistication while everything around her may be falling apart. She supports those around her by uplifting them and knows when to let go if people are not respectful towards her. She is God-fearing and not afraid to show her love for the Lord."

A true woman is true to herself, her life, and the power of her heart. A woman, the strong source of life.



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The Ladies of 47 want to send a special thank you to Ashante Beasley for her participation in the Black History Month Talent show case.

Building 44 will hold a Study Skills Seminar - TONIGHT at 6pm and Building 37 will at 7pm

## Sudoku Answers

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## Spring Break Horoscopes

By: Horoscopes.com

Pisces, fantasy, romance, and music rule your realm. With the right combination of these three pastimes will turn your spring break into an affair to remember. Visiting an area known for its theater, amusements, or artistic events is your best bet. Bring someone who inspires you and reach a new height in your relationship through your shared experiences.

Aries, as a natural born leader, you don't like to follow the crowd. Instead, try leading the way and creating your own vacation destination. Most well-known spring break locations are very crowded, and this is great if you're looking for high energy, but if you are looking for something a bit more private and adventurous, go some place less traveled and experience something different.

Taurus, your grounded and home-loving nature may not take you to a faraway location, but you could still go to a local place you haven't been before, especially if you are traveling with the right person. It's not where you go, it's who you're with. This companion can make the less-than-stellar places great and the best places even better, so look for love to lead the way this spring break.

Flirty and busy Gemini can't resist the crowds and action on spring break. You'll want to be where the biggest parties are pumping, but refrain from partying so much that you can't see a real love connection when it is right in front of you. Go to where your communication skills are most appreciated and you may find someone special to talk to.

Imaginative Cancer, take that special someone on an unforgettable arts and culture-themed spring break so they will remember it for the rest of their lives. Anyone can find the hot spots, but you can create a getaway that refreshes the mind and spirit. You have the gift of adding romance and mystery to the mix, so make the most of it.

Dramatic and fun Leo, what would be more appropriate than entertaining others on your spring break? See if you can get a job or internship on a cruise ship, hotel, or comedy club. While you are exercising your best skills in public, that special audience member may pick you out of the crowd and encourage you to put on a private performance.

Natural Virgo, you will probably enjoy a peaceful and relaxing spring break more than partying hard with the rest of your friends. Indulge in a spa retreat or just pamper yourself at home. Remember that love often hides in quiet places, so stay away from the crowds on your vacation and look for romance at yoga retreats, book stores, and museums.

Nothing refreshes a Libra more than beauty and this can be manifested in a variety of forms. Try to spend your spring break vacation in a soothing environment that provides you with plenty of opportunities to get your beauty fix - get a new look at a high-end salon, go on a shopping spree at your favorite boutiques, or you could soothe your soul with a trip to the beach.

Intense, deep, and sexy Scorpio could easily get into a hot affair that lasts the entire spring break. Look for your partner in crime in a learning environment, and then invite him or her to disappear with you to someplace private. You won't need anyone or anything else when you find that special person.

Adventurous wanderer Sagittarius, you don't need set plans to take a journey, so throw caution to the wind and hit the road with no destination in mind. A road trip with no maps is perfect for you - just let your intuition guide you. Along the way, you may find a special person or even come to new realizations about yourself.

Studious Capricorn, you can use the upcoming weeks to catch up on your work and get prepared for the future. You're best off saving up for a big vacation down the road than a substandard trip now. For you, being ready is more satisfying than having frivolous fun. Though some may mock you for not living life to the fullest, remember that you'll be the one ahead of the pack in most ventures.

Quirky Aquarius, you love leading others into new and unusual adventures. This spring break, try organizing a fun event for your group of friends. As the master of ceremonies, you will be at the center of things, sharing your ideas and theories with everyone. The weirder your plan is the better because you like to shake things up.

## FIND FIVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PICTURES



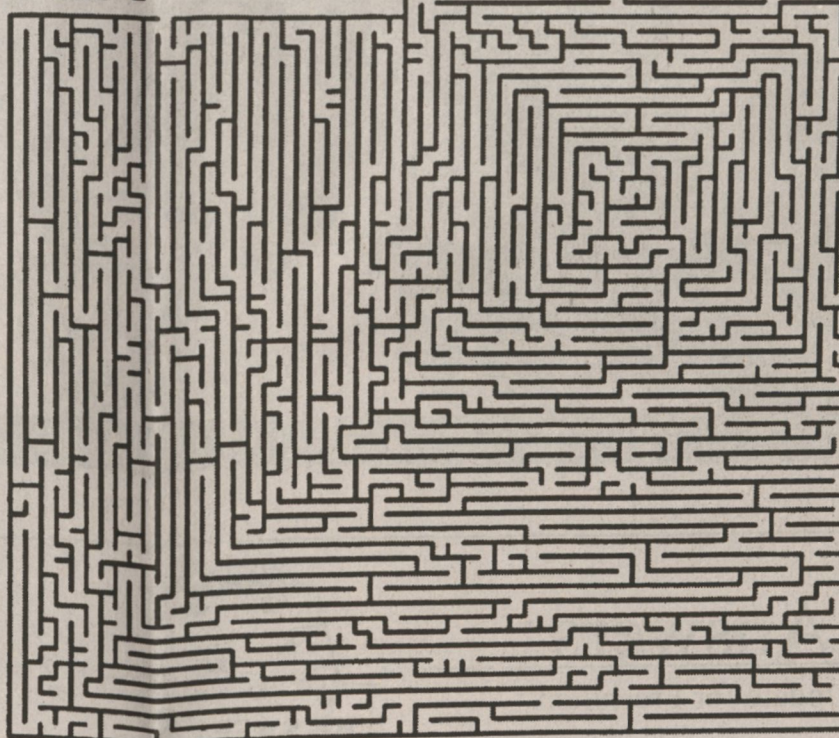
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What do you have planned for the spring break?

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- Florida
- Road trip
- My momma house

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## Sudoku

Simply fill every column, row and 3x3 box so they contain every number between 1 and 9. Use the small numbers as clues to find the answer. Answers on page 7.

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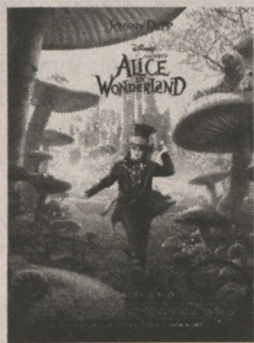


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## Roberts Reviews



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There's a smiling cat that keeps disappearing in air, a blue caterpillar that smokes on a hookah every time he appears, and an oversized leprechaun who is half-way crazy, so did I like this movie; yes! Tim Burton took the childhood tale of "Alice in Wonderland," and created a visual adventure with a gothic twist. The look of the film is not the usual Disney "warming" feeling you

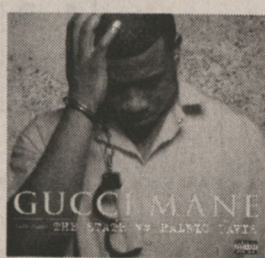
usually expect, Wonderland presented itself with a darker side for the more mature audience. I honestly don't remember much of the original "Alice in Wonderland" made in 1951, but if it was anything like this updated one, my childhood would have been much different than it was due to the graphic details.

Other than the images, the overall plot of the movie was very interesting. For a minute you actually feel for Alice because of the problems she has to face. Her showing that it is possible to face and conquer your fears gives a little boost of confidence for everyday life.

I feel that Burton did justice to Wonderland. If I ever fall down a rabbit hole, I hope to find my adventure similar to the one he has created here. In the words of The Mad Hatter, "There is a place like no place on Earth, a land full of wonder, mystery, and danger! Some say to survive it: You need to be as mad as a hatter."

I have a confession. When Gucci Mane's "So Iced" track came out I thought he wouldn't last for another single. It just so happened that I was right...until recently. Gucci Mane has been growing large respect in the underground rap scene. With his second mainstream album "The State vs. Radric Davis," he comes with the same hunger as he did in 2005.

"The State vs. Radric Davis" is the life story of Gucci Mane told through catchy raps and club style beats. You could consider this the newer version of Young Jeezy's "Thug Motivation 101" because of the many "trap anthems" on the



★★★★

album. The details in his rhymes about life stories are relatable to what is really going on in the streets nationwide. On the other hand, I think the beats bully his lyrics. The production was creative and matched Gucci Mane's voice, but entertained you more than what he is saying.



# ALICE IS BACK

By Aurielle Granger  
Panther Staff

"Alice in Wonderland" originated as an 1865 novel written by English author Lewis Carroll. The film was illustrated into an animated film in 1951 directed by Clyde Geronimi and Wilfred Jackson. It's 2010, and Tim Burton has continued the illustration, making it a film of great 3-D cinematography and a new magical and imaginative twist.

Alice (Mia Wasikowska) is no longer the little girl we once remembered her as; she is a teenager and ready for marriage. Well, maybe she is not as ready as her family wants her to be. Reluctantly standing with her soon-to-be fiancée, Alice is not only wondering why she must marry someone against her will, she will soon be wondering how such a familiar place in dreams can be so unfamiliar to what she knows as reality.

Alice never forgot her recurring childhood dreams; little does she

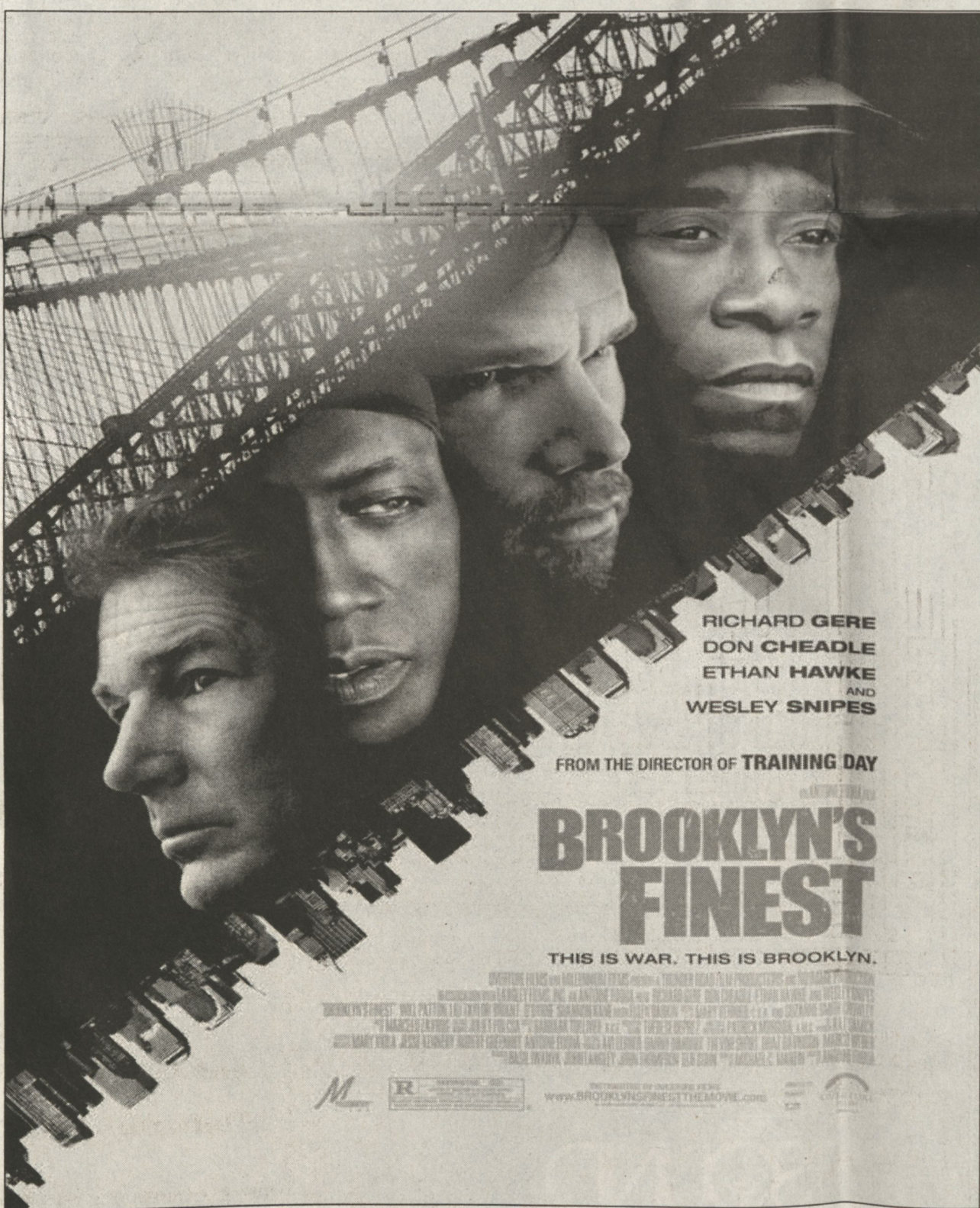
know how real they can be. During Alice's arranged proposal, she cannot help but recognize the rabbit hopping in and out of the bushes secretly luring her to the rabbit hole that will take her to the land of wonder she once created in her dreams.

Upon Alice's arrival in Wonderland, she encounters the same creatures she told her father about as a child, and they are looking for the little Alice that once visited their world. This time the Red Queen has taken the terror and torment even further. Her fellow creature friends need Alice to save the land by slaying the jabberwocky and capturing the White Queen's sword from the Red Queen's possession by any means necessary. Alice does not believe she is the one for the job, but as she begins to understand how real Wonderland may be, she fights more willingly to save her childhood friends' land that will eventually be her exit back home.

Burton's version of this film is a continuation of the previous story of "Alice in Wonderland." Many of the scenes in the film such as, Alice chasing the rabbit to the rabbit hole, becoming stuck in the room and having to eat and drink different things to become bigger and smaller, the tea party, the croquet game and many other events are very familiar to the audience that experienced this classic film as a child. The characters were replicated very well also, taking you back to the quirky animated friends that made the 1865 novel and the 1951 film a true adventure.

Sit back in your seat as director Tim Burton, Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp), Red Queen (Helene Carter), White Queen (Anne Hathaway), and friends in this 3 dimensional film take you on a miraculous ride with "Alice in Wonderland." A wonderful experience you do not want to miss. Why wonder about the land when you can experience it?

## Brooklyn's Finest hit theatres



Courtesy of Google

By Andia Richardson  
Panther Staff

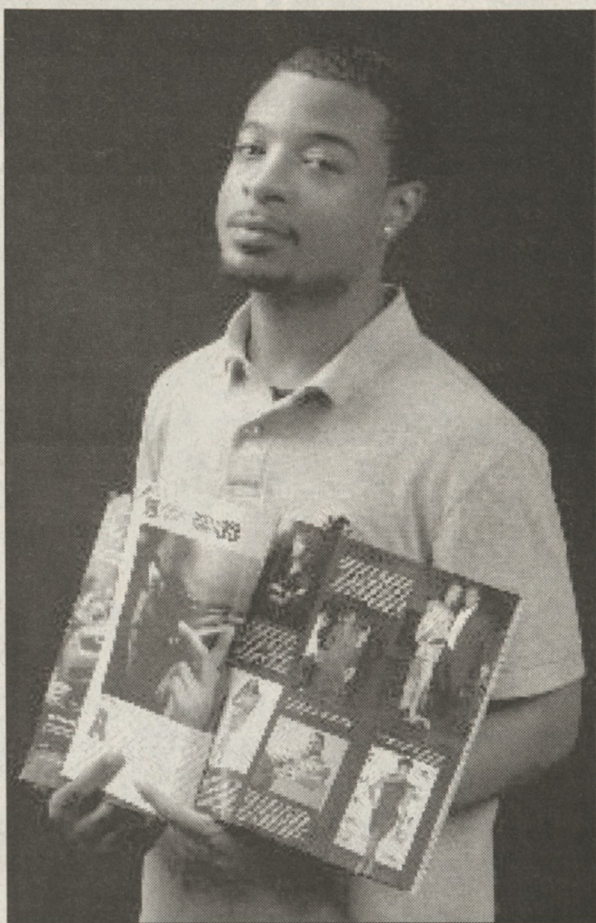
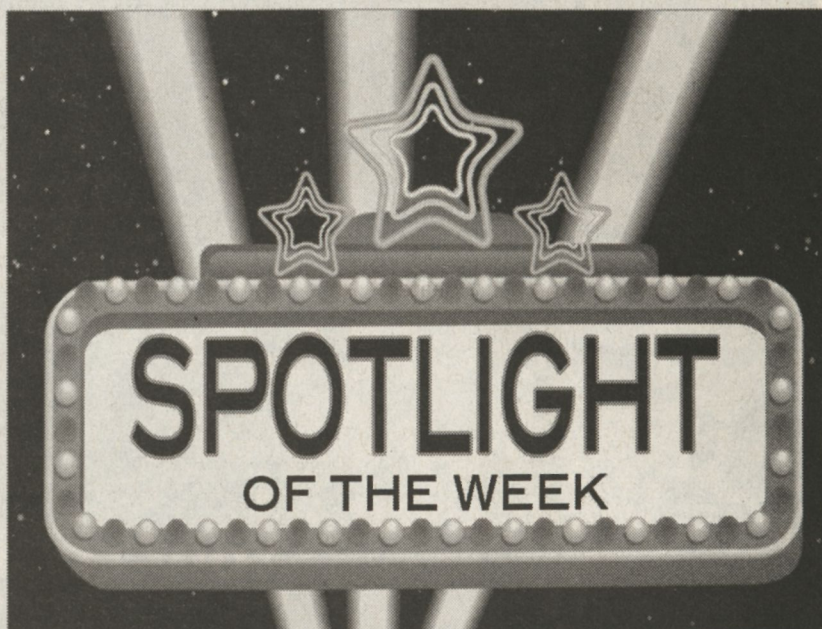
Antoine Fuqua, the director of the box office hit, "Training Day," starring Denzel Washington and Ethan Hawke, has directed yet another film about the life of an officer and the problems faced in the corrupt police system.

"Brooklyn's Finest" is about three NYPD officers followed throughout a course of a week. Tango, played by Don Cheadle, is an undercover cop who has grown tired of his second life. During the time of his undercover operation, he feels the need to protect former kingpin drug dealer

Caz, played by Wesley Snipes. Sal, played by Ethan Hawke, is a narcotics officer who struggles with keeping his faith and doing the right thing. Temptation plays a major role in the officer's life as he makes great effort to move his pregnant wife and children out of their mold infested home. Eddie, a soon-to-be retired officer is played by Richard Gere. He fights to keep his sanity and attempts suicide although he has seven days left until his retirement. In the end, all three officers are faced with difficult choices, which in turn bring them together.

Overall the film was captivating as well as suspenseful.

Although the plot is a bit cliché, Fuqua's attempt to bring different lives together is applauded. Yet trying to follow three different lives can be a bit difficult to follow. He tried to bring light to the hardships and corrupt politics that officers undergo, but he failed to grasp the viewer's attention with the constant "jump" between the three officers' lives. Like Denzel Washington in "Training Day," the actors were taken out of their typical movie roles. Fuqua's ability to challenge his actors shows in the majority of his films. "Brooklyn's Finest" should have a good turnout; the film captures the term good cop, bad cop in a different light.



Courtesy Marcus McCauther

By Silvester Robinson  
Panther Staff

Marcus McCauther is a 24-year-old junior chemical engineering major born and raised in Houston, Texas. Around the age of 16 Marcus's father wanted him to get a part-time job, at the time he was working at McDonald's but he felt that there was more that he could do with his time than flip burgers and salt fries. It was an ad for TSO sunglasses that sparked his interest; Marcus figured that if he could duplicate the ad then why not start making money doing what he's good at.

Marcus isn't your normal Prairie View photographer, he's a laid back guy who allows his work to come to him, not tooting his own horn but understands that his work speaks for itself. Marcus has worked with Jones Magazine, Uptown Magazine, The Source with Trey The Truth, and an up-and-coming photo shoot with Erykah Badu. "I truthfully only started taking photos because I was a web designer who ended up getting tired of paying people for professional photos. He said, "One day I said 'bump that,' went to Best Buy, and picked me up an XTI and started making it happen. The thing is I started to like taking photos a lot more

than designing web sites not to mention I hate the business side of web development." He said, "So after purchasing a camera, taking a few snap shots here and there, I found out I sucked. I did what any genius would have done and got with someone who knew what he was doing, and that's when I found the web site www.spb2.com "Steven Ben-them II".

"After the call he asked me to stop by the crib to see if I could handle photo retouching, and I was like 'shoot', it can't be too hard. I didn't know what the heck I was doing. But the one thing that web design has taught me is patience." He added, "To make a long story short he gave me so much stuff to edit I almost told him to go to hell! After a while I started to feel like the dude from karate kid, enough of this wax on, wax off crap, when do I get to FIGHT! By this point I had a chance to meet two other photographers, King David and Cory Dixon, both with sick ports. We all hung out and showed off work and talked tips, and of course I didn't have much to trade, but I learned a lot. I received a call for a modeling shoot from a client, Krystal Goff."

McCauther said, "I wanted to shoot photos along the lines of what I was seeing in the ads, and me being the person I am I went and picked up every fashion magazine I could find; Elle, Vogue, Bazaar etc. I started to also get into high end retouching, so I started to study." "I was looking for catch light, shadows, I even studied how to dodge and burn. I study lighting and retouching more than I studied my school work. I found the best makeup artist there is "Michaelyn Barrett". Not knowing it at the time, I decided to give her a try, and she turned out to be an absolute beast. Shoot after shoot we began to grow better and better, some people even called us a "dream team". Now I'm shooting what I want, and posting photos everywhere," said McCauther.

## 20 QUESTIONS?

1. Who was mad that 20 Questions was not in *The Panther* last week?
2. Don't the students of P.V. know that they get what they contribute?
3. Who else goes "loko" now?
4. Isn't it sin in a can?
5. When did Mighty Mouse become Brookside's new DJ?
6. Is he a little bit better than Mike n Ike?
7. Speaking of Brookside, why was fav five a bust?
8. Who is the former CA who stays drunk off of liquor he steals from his residents?
9. Who was the girl who fell twice at the boys game?
10. Maybe she shouldn't strut so hard?
11. Who all watched "Freaknik"?
12. Can you say coonery 2010?
13. So when the sun comes out, do we signal the booty huggers?
14. What baby Alpha is trying to be your main man's man?
15. Doesn't he know you can't be the "ace" of every train?
16. Who all is ready for spring break?
18. Who all has come up with aliases?
19. Who all plans to come back to school focused?
20. What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of *The Panther*. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail us at [panther@pvamu.edu](mailto:panther@pvamu.edu). Questions are printed at the discretion of *The Panther*.



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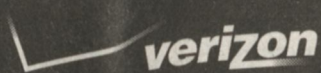


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